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ERNEST ISTOOK NAMED **“GUARDIAN OF WORKER FREEDOM”**

*Conservative Labor Reform Group Presents Ernest Istook with Worker-Friendly Award
Based on Key Votes in 2005*

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Ernest Istook was today honored by the Alliance for Worker Freedom (AWF) with its second annual “Guardian of Worker Freedom” award at a private, informal ceremony in the U.S. Capitol. The worker rights organization presents the award to members of both houses of Congress who vote along with workers on 80% of the labor issues tracked by AWF.

This year, the “Guardian of Worker Freedom” award was given to members who voted for freedom and opportunity for workers. Minimum wage increases, private sector “competitive sourcing” of government employees, CAFTA, OSHA reform, and pro-labor market immigration reform were all tracked in 2005.

“These key votes in favor of workers and against corrupt labor union bosses really separate those who support keeping American workers competitive versus those who do Big Labor’s bidding,” said AWF Executive Director Ryan Ellis.

167 members of the House of Representatives and 50 Senators were presented with the “Guardian of Worker Freedom” award for their courageous votes on behalf of American workers.

“Ernest Istook clearly knows the difference between being pro-Big Labor and pro-American worker,” continued Ellis. **“When it comes to keeping American workers competitive, Ernest Istook is a tremendous advocate for a twenty-first century workforce.”**

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